

Monthly Meeting of the Newaygo County Democratic Party
January 13, 2020; 6:00 p.m., The Stream

Attendees: Kathy Teverbaugh, Dallas Dean, Shelly Ross, Stan Opal, Liz Opal, Teresa Kpachavi, Jan Walsh, Terry McIntee, Ellen McIntee, Brian Aslakson, Robin Aslakson, Jason Finch, Lucinda Schondelmayer, Korra Satsuki.

1. **Call to order and pledge:** 6:05 p.m.
2. **Approval of December 2019 minutes.** Motion to approve made by Kathy, seconded by Jan, motion carried.
3. **Approval of the Agenda.** With one addition – 9. New Business – call to convention. Motion to approve made by Liz, seconded by Shelly, motion carried.
4. **Chairperson remarks:** Dallas Dean
 - a. Summary of Texas Hold’Em – see Treasurer’s report.
 - b. “Friends” West Michigan Advocates group recap – have met with Peters’ and Stabenow staff. Next month to meet with Huizenga’s staff.
 - c. Recap of 2nd District meeting.
 - d. Legacy Dinner will be April 4 in Detroit. Dallas will update on ticket information February meeting.
 - e. Endorsement convention is March 21 in Lansing. State Supreme Court candidates will be endorsed, as well as elections for Rules, Credentials and Resolutions Committees. Dinner to be held March 20 – House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will be speaking. Dallas will have ticket information at February meeting.
 - f. District dinner will be March 28. Elizabeth Welch, State Supreme Court candidate, will be guest speaker. More information at February meeting.
 - g. There is an opening for County Drain Commissioner.
5. **Vice Chair remarks:** Teresa Kpachavi
 - a. Representative VanSingel will be guest speaker at the February 10 meeting. He will focus on education and the environment and will also take questions.
 - b. Elizabeth Welch is tentatively confirmed as speaker at the March 9 meeting.
 - c. Teresa will be leaving the area this spring and will step down as Vice Chair the end of March – we will need to elect a new Vice Chair.
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** Jan Walsh – report on file. Jan will be absent the month of March.
 - a. January Texas Hold’Em netted almost \$800 over the 4 days.
 - b. Goal is \$10,000 to open an office.Motion made by Ellen to approve minutes, seconded by Terry, motion carried.
7. **Committee reports:** 2-3 minutes
 - a. **Fundraising:** Shelly Ross – looking for new members to the committee and more fundraising ideas. Next meeting is January 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sportsman’s Bar in Newaygo.
 - b. **Take Action:** Teresa Kpachavi – we will need a new leader to head the Take Action Committee in March.
 - c. **Communications:** Ellen McIntee – nothing to report.
8. **Unfinished Business** – Texas Hold’Em in February – dates are Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Other Texas Hold’Em dates are March 5-8 and April 2-5. Volunteers need for all dates. Contact Dallas: dallin730@yahoo.com
9. **New Business**
 - a. Office space. Lucinda agreed to head a committee to look into and set up office space. Need more volunteers.
 - b. Call to convention meeting will be held after the February 10 general meeting. Purpose is to pass resolutions and elect state committee members. Meeting is open to all party members. Motion to hold convention on February 10 is made by Jan, seconded by Jason, motion carried.
10. **Announcements:** Next meeting date – February 10, 2020 at Spanky’s, 6:00 p.m. Time to look for a new meeting spot? – question brought up by Shelly.
11. **Public comments, questions and concerns:** Korra spoke about need for better polling and fundraising for the Democratic party. Dallas will bring applications for Precinct Delegates to the February meeting.
12. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn made by Robin, motion carried. Adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ellen McIntee; 01/14/2020